

Appl. No. 09/322,708
Amdt. dated 02/18/2005
Reply to Office Action of 11/19/2004

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed 11/19/2004. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, rejected claims 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and allowed claims 10-37. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-9. Claims 10-37 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

1. The Examiner rejects claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. In the interests of expediting allowance of the application, applicant has cancelled claims 1-9. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

4. The Examiner rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pitroda et al. (US 4,149,038).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. In the interests of expediting allowance of the application, applicant has cancelled claims 1-5. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pitroda.

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Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

7. The Examiner rejects claims 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pitroda et al. (US 4,149,038), in view of Hilton et al. (US 6,185,594).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. In the interests of expediting allowance of the application, applicant has cancelled claims 6-9. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pitroda in view of Hilton.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 10-37.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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